

THE Willard FAMILY

STAY THEIR HANDS UP Ministries

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Dear family, friends, and faithful supporters,

Greetings in the name that is above every name, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! I hope this letter finds you well and faithfully serving the Lord. The first quarter of this year is in the books and I look forward to sharing with you what God has done.

On the field:

After an extended period of time traveling last fall and winter God has given us an opportunity to spend some much needed time at home while still being able to serve in local churches. It was a blessing to be able to fill in for Bro. John McKinney for three weeks in late January/early February. We thank God for Grace Baptist Church in Billings and Bro. McKinney's service there. His transparency embodies the very nature of our ministry in the Northwest. I filled in for three weeks even though he was still there. His statement to me was this, "If you could come be with us for a while it would be a great blessing. I need a break and need to be fed myself." WOW! What an honor to be able to hold up the hands of one of God's servants and encourage him to continue on in the fight.

The month of February lended opportunities to fill the pulpit for Bro. Russell Pruitt at Beartooth Mountain Baptist Church as well as Bro. David Black at Arapahoe Baptist Church in Arapahoe, WY. It is such a blessing to be able to serve God with family. My wife has been able to cover Sunday school classes and children's church for pastors wives and my kids sing special music and play for congregational singing. We thank God he allows us to serve in even the smallest ways.

On the road again!:

March saw the Willard crew back on the road again. We were able to visit supporting churches in Stamford, NE and Junction City, KS as we made our way to visit a supporting church for the first time in North Carolina. It's a great blessing to pick up the phone and have a pastor say, "you don't know us but we are taking you on for support." But that's exactly the case with Pastor Jay O'dell and Kimesville Road Baptist Church. They supported our ministry for the better part of a year before we could make our way to North Carolina to meet them for the first time. I'm a firm believer that if we let go and let God, He puts the right people in our path. We were treated like family at Kimesville Road Baptist Church and we are humbled to be an extension of their ministry.

Following our trip to North Carolina we were able to go back to our home state of MS where we were blessed to attend a meeting at Lee's

Chapel #1 Baptist Church with Pastor Cody Ladner. So many of our friends in the ministry were at this meeting and it was a great time of fellowship and refreshing for our family and we left encouraged in the Lord to carry on. Bro. Cody Tucker preached a tremendous message out of 1 Kings 17 entitled "Don't Quit". Friend there is no telling what God might do today or tomorrow. We have come to far to turn back now!

A look ahead:

As we come to the end of the first quarter and look ahead at what's in store we are thankful the Lord is keeping us busy. In the month of April I have the privilege to preach two revival services in North MS as well as two Sundays for my pastor at Martin Baptist Church and also sandwiched between all of that we have a meeting in Watonga, OK with Pastor Bill Rudd and Old Paths Baptist Church. We anticipate a wonderful time with each body of believers as we gather around the throne!

In other exciting news I have been given the opportunity to travel with some men of Holy Ground Baptist Church in Roopeville, GA to visit some of our dearest friends in Uganda Africa, Bro. Gant and Sister Ashley Morgan and their children, Will and Anna Ruth. While our field is the Mid/northwest United States our hearts are to help and encourage all God called men of God and their families. This is truly a door that God opened and I am excited for this trip coming up the first couple of weeks of May.

Upon returning from Uganda mid May we will be heading pack to Montana where our schedule immediately picks up filling in for preachers, conducting scheduled meetings, as well as hosting other pastors in our home who are interested in the work out West. We can't wait to see what God is going to do next!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and prayers! Everything we have comes from God by way of His people and we thank Him for giving us partners in the ministry that allows us to hold up the hands of God's men!

*Because of Grace,
The Willards*



***Holding Up the hands of God's men and their families
in the Northwest United States.***

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